

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 4 Week 1

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

Welcome back to the first week of Term Four, a term that promises to be very busy but also very rewarding.

Over the holidays a number of visible changes have occurred at school.

Rooms Four and Five have been moved to the new site and their previous site has been fenced off. A large amount of site work and development has been going on at the new site and something new seems to be happening each day.

While we still have a long way to go I think that we need to keep at the front of our minds the famous quote from Moa Tse-Tung—"Even a march of ten thousand miles begins with one small step", and the excitement that is obvious about what our new school will be like is obvious to all.

The count down is on for what will be the **last ever St Mary's Fair at 62 Church Street!**

The PTA are working really hard to ensure that this fair will be the best ever but as always they need your support. Please remember that all of the money raised by the PTA benefits all of our pupils -your children, and the school fair is our major fundraiser for the year.

With moving into our new site there will certainly be new equipment and chattel's that the school would like to purchase to ensure that our new school is the best that it can be, so please if you are able to be of help fill in the forms that the PTA send out and help make this the best fair ever!

Have a great week
Mike Brosnahan

Classrooms on the move!



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Calendar of Events—October

- 15th October Term 4 begins
- 17th BOT Meeting 7.30pm staffroom
- 18th Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Evening 7.30pm in the Foyer.
- 18th **Mufti Day** -Grocery Items for Fair! see PTA notice for details.
- 22nd Labour Day—School Closed
- 24th Senior Class 2013 Information Evening
- 26th Greats and Grands Afternoon
- 28th School Fair 11am—2pm!

November

- 2nd Sports/Cultural Assembly 2.20pm
- 6th Athletics Day, (postponement day 8th)
- 7th Room 7 Golf
- 16th Junior Assembly
- 26th Senior Swimming starts
- 27-29th Beach Education—Brighton Beach

Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Information

This Thursday 18th October 7.30pm

As part of our schools Health Programme we teach a programme called “Keeping Ourselves Safe” alongside the New Zealand Police.

This programme is designed to teach our pupils simple, common sense age appropriate strategies to ensure that they have the skills to keep themselves safe.

To ensure that parents are fully informed about this programme we will be holding a parent night this Thursday at 7.30pm in the foyer.

We would like at least one parent from each family to attend and support this programme please.

A thought for the week...

“When you have exhausted all possibilities remember this—you haven’t.”

Thomas A Edison

PTA News

School Fair—28th October

Only 2 Weeks till the Fair!

Watch out for Fair Notices in your child’s bag!

White Elephant—Elegant Junk!

The White Elephant room in the hall is looking good, please keep those goodies coming in!

Books: both children’s and adults; Kitchen Items, Clothes, Toys, Puzzles and Games, Sports Gear all sell really well.

This year we are unable to accept TV’s, mattresses, and large furniture items. Thanks. Please drop off donations to the foyer by the school office or see Pauline in the office for a key to deliver directly into the hall.

Raffle Cards

Please return your raffle cards by **next Wednesday** so they can be ready to draw at the Fair.

This weekend we are selling at New World and need some more helpers for an hour or so, please call Virginia O’Neill if you could help 489-5530.

Prizes for the children/families that sell the most cards!

Return Slips

Thank you to the people that have returned these. They are very important for the planning of the fair so please send them back to school as we need to know you are able to provide for the fair baking/desserts/plants/craft etc and that you can help on a stall etc?

If you can’t help on the day perhaps Grandma or Granddad, aunties/uncles can?

-Many hands make light work!

Senior Class 2013 Information Evening -24th October 7pm

Mrs Baines will lead a parent information evening for parents and pupils in our senior class for 2013.

At this meeting Mrs Baines will be able to explain:

The strategic planning for her class for next year, the range of new activities that will be available and her general organization and expectations.

The pupils for our senior class for 2013 will be in a unique position as they will be our school leaders in our new school and this meeting will present an opportunity to discuss this matter.



Animal Antics



Greats and Grands Afternoon 26th October

October is the month in which we recognise Greats and Grands e.g. Great Aunt Bessie and Grandad Bill.

If any Grand Parents or Great Grand Parents etc would like to visit their grand or great grand child's class to see them in a modern learning environment then they are warmly invited to visit the relevant class on the after of 26th October.

It is also a time in which they may be able to share their own memories of school. And it is also a time that those with a long term link to the school may wish to have a final look at the school as they remember it, so please feel free to come along either to the relevant class or the school office to ensure you get to have a final look around.

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

The meeting for parents of children intending to make their First reconciliation (from Year 3) will be held at the parish Centre on Tuesday 30th October at 7pm.

It is important that a representative from the family is there please.

First Reconciliation is Thursday 6th December, 7pm at Holy Cross.

Sports

The new uniforms have now arrived and look fantastic! They are all made up into your family orders, and can be collected during school hours, the cost is still \$50 for a top and shorts.

Congratulations to Michaela Sutherland on being selected in the Dunedin Girls U15 cricket training squad, well done!

More Animal Antics....

